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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Amendment Transmittal A.

Transmitted herewith is an amendment and response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 21, 2003 in the above-identified application.

1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below. X

2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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	Claims		Highest						
	Remaining		Number						
	After		Previously		Present				Additional
	Amendment		Paid For		Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims	40	-	265	=	0	X	9	=	0
Independent Claims	20	-	118	=	0	X	42		0
	TOTAL								\$0

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B. <u>Also Enclosed</u>

Enclosed is a Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and 31 items of prior art.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the application as follows: